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Message from Dr. C.L. Bertrand, Vice Rector, Services.

Dear Colleagues:

At the risk of sounding sentimental, it might interest you to know that my love affair with books and libraries began at the age of eight when I decided to read everything available in the children's section of my public library branch. Since that time, my life has been dedicated to reading and, the best part, for the past twenty-five years Concordia has paid me to do what I love best...to read! So, you know that all of you have my support in our joint quest to provide the Concordia community with the best possible library services.

I enjoyed immensely my tour of the various units of the library which gave me the opportunity to meet a number of you in your own milieu. It was a good beginning of my education about the internal workings of the library. I also learned a great deal when I attended the March meeting of the Unit Heads. It is important for me to receive direct information about the challenges and opportunities available to all members of the library community.

Now that we finally have filled the vacant positions on the Advisory Search Committee, the search for a new Director will begin within a month. If all goes well, I would like to appoint a new Director at the same time as we formally open the new library building. If you have a candidate in mind, please encourage that person to apply.

I also want to wish everyone involved in the move into the new library building the best of luck. It is a complicated procedure, but I am confident that all will go well.

Dr. C.L. Bertrand

What's new at the display cases ?

(6th Floor, near entrance to the Norris Library)

An open invitation to all to view the window display.

What you will see ...

-Thought provoking themes.
-Laser colour reproductions.
-Questionnaire - To test your knowledge of native issues.
-Montage of historical buildings (including Bishop Court)with synopsis.
-"10 tours to discover Montreal's Architecture."

All materials are selected from Canadian, Quebec, and Montreal government publications.

To Ciaran and Louise, as one student commented "Thanks for a wonderful display."

Carolyn Pye and Boi May Ang

Oops ... An obvious error.

The Office of the **Minister of Multiculturalism and Citizenship** announced that National Citizenship week (April 12-18) 1992 is a great opportunity to get involved in one's own community. By getting involved does it include citizens standing on their heads (see announcement below) Perhaps a subliminal message?

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0M5

Dear Canadians:

Canadian citizenship has always been a source of pride and a common bond among Canadians. Today the strength of that bond is being tested. But in the process we are rediscovering the common values, goals and dreams we share as Canadians. More importantly, we are rediscovering that we live in a country where we can all realize those goals and dreams.

Canada is a society built upon equality. It is a society in which each of us has the same opportunity to work, to learn and to contribute. We all have the same opportunity to participate and know that it is our effort and ability - not our skin colour, or religion or accent - that will determine our success.

National Citizenship Week is a time to reflect on the opportunities we enjoy every day and a time to value our citizenship. By participating, by exercising our citizenship, we help ensure that we will always live in a Canada that encourages everyone equally to fulfill their potential.

National Citizenship Week, *Canadian Citizenship: Take it to Heart*, will take place from April 12 to 18. The theme encourages all Canadians - citizens by birth and by choice - to renew their commitment to their citizenship.

National Citizenship Week 1992 is a great opportunity to get involved in your community. Celebrate being Canadian and take your Canadian citizenship to heart.

Yours sincerely,

Gerry Weiner

Minister of Multiculturalism and Citizenship

Ministre du Multiculturalisme et de la Citoyenneté

CANADA

SEL Spirit?

Looks as if **SIR** George Williams has been demoted to plain **Mr.** and has decided upon the Science & Engineering Library as home base, if we are to believe the Federal Environmental Assessment Review Office in Ottawa. We received a letter addressed to **Mr. Georges Williams** (his francicized identity, we assume) at his address at the Science and Engineering Library, etc. Perhaps his spirit is stalking the SEL stacks, only to be seen by those in a particular state of panic as exams approach?
(Thanks to Lee Harris, envelope discoverer)

Ruth Noble

Sticky Subject

The February issue of College & Research Library News printed the following caution about the use of the popular product that has become a standard in offices and libraries, Post-it™ notes.

Think before you Post-it™

Stop! Don't put that handy little "yellow sticky," a.k.a. Post-it™ note, on library materials or you could cause staining and permanent damage. Post-its™ were designed for short-term use on non-permanent materials. After a month or two the adhesive hardens and leaves a film that becomes acidic. Julia Page, preservation librarian at the University of California, San Diego, recommends against ever using them in materials that will be added to the collection and is trying to make library users aware of the damage Post-its™ can cause.

Signage reminds patrons not to use the Post-its in library materials and patrons returning library materials complete with Post-its™ are sent the following letter: "Recently you returned materials to the library with 'Post-it™ Notes' inside them. Perhaps you are not aware of the negative effects of these seemingly harmless 'markers'. As staff removed these notes, there was some damage to the pages. In the longterm, the glue on Post-it™ notes can have a harmful effect on paper. Please help us in trying to preserve library materials by not using Post-it™ notes. Your cooperation is appreciated."

Page also discovered that the bindery they were sending materials to was using Post-its™ in its internal processing and asked them to stop the practice. The pressure applied during the bindery process can impregnate the notes into the paper.

Post-its™ are also unfriendly to newsprint (check the reverse side of the note and you will see that the type has been lifted off the newsprint) and brittle paper. Removal of Post-its™ left for more than a month or two on brittle paper causes the paper to tear.

Warns Page, "Don't fall into the scotch tape syndrome." Save your Post-Its™ for your own papers and reports and be careful of leaving them in place for more than a month or two.

This presents libraries with a sticky problem...should we be thinking about our own use of these notes, and encouraging our users not to place them in library materials? Will there be any response from the originators of the adhesive (3M Company) on such concerns, as well as those on recyclability? Are Post-its™ handy but harmful?

Ruth Noble

Who's Where

Prepared on the basis of information supplied by ASO.

Norris

Larry McGoldrick has moved from Vanier to N-413-6.

Gheri Celin has been appointed Planning assistant. He now occupies N-406.

Technical Services

Taye Haile has retired. **Debra Palmer** will replace him as Serials Clerk, effective April 21, 1992.

SEL

A number of changes took place in SEL on March 30 and are in effect until SEL and Norris are integrated in the new building. They are:

Gail Bourgeois replaces ...

Deborah Herman, who replaces ...

Edith McCarthy, who replaces ...

Robert Black, who replaces ...

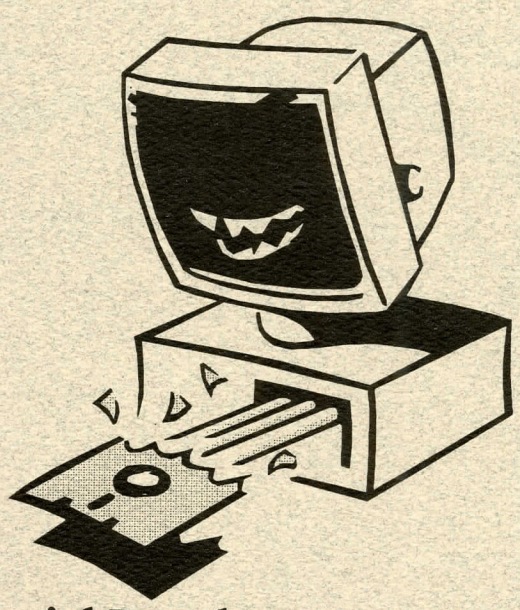
David Engelke, who replaces ...

Gheri Celin.

Just a Reminder! ...for the next issue.

Contributions are always welcome from individuals or units. Just leave your signed articles or suggestions for newsworthy items with any member of the editorial board. Nicest for us, but not essential, would be your idea or story on a diskette (either size), in WordPerfect (any version), accompanied by a hard copy. Just be sure your name is on it, and we'll return it to you.

Thanks



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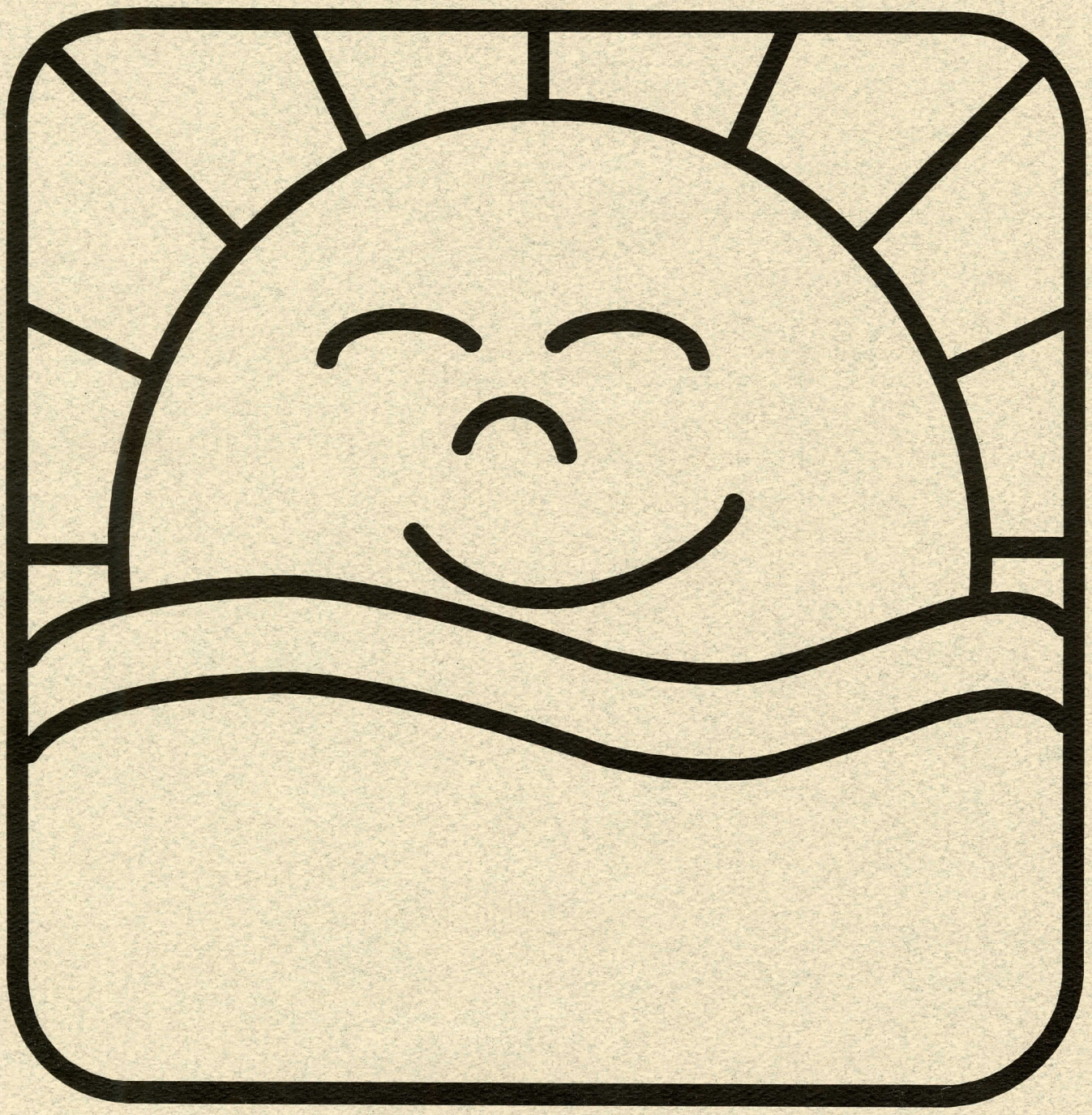
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